

## MINUTES

### MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*92th meeting*

**MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT: Annie Reed, Anne Miller, Mike Zahner, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske and Tony Mayhew**

1. Reviewed and unanimously approved June and July Meeting Minutes (no official meeting in August)
2. Report of the Treasurer was received indicating total assets of \$6,285.42 consisting of \$6,033.80 in the Conservation Fund and \$251.62 in Operating.
3. Steve Fiske reported that the 2014 Water Quality sampling has been completed for the season but the final results are not yet available.
4. Discussion of tick training and Emerald Ash borer seminars - Anne Miller reported on the tick seminar co-sponsored with the Jacquith Public Library. There has been a big increase in the number of positives for lime disease in small animals including the dog population in Vermont.
5. Discussion of revisions to Stranahan Management Plan - the Committee discussed the need to reach out to the Stewardship Committee to collaborate on revisions to the Stranahan Management Plan.
6. Other business discussed:
  - a) Need for an invasive policy for the Stranahan Property to be included in the Management Plan.
  - b) Need to protect unidentified wetlands, yet with important functions similar to unmapped Class II wetlands, in the Stranahan Town Forest. Need for more intensive survey work in the Stranahan prior to putting logging contracts out to bid.
  - c) Proposed installation of "baffles" to prevent beavers from closing off the two culverts allowing passage of water under the Beaver Meadow Road in lieu of the Town's monthly removal of the beaver dam at the eastern end of the open water marsh - Beaver Meadow, similar to Marshfield Pond. Standpipe has been installed on the Adamant Pond in Calais. Mike will prepare draft communication to the Selectboard.
  - d) October 4th work session at the Martin Covered Bridge to protect saplings - 9 to 11 am.
  - e) Annie Reed discussed the presence of rare mushrooms in the Stranahan Forest.

Adjourn

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the September 3, 2014 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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